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Subject: MLPAComments: MLPA Comment

I writing to urge support for Package 2 of the MPA Packages. I am very concerned with the direction some of the other packages(package S) are taking. I love to scuba dive and come down to Monterey at least once a month. I have an underwater camera to take pictures so I have something to remember my dive without taking anything from the environment. I have come to appreciate the value of the Monterey Bay. You do not have to look very hard to see the affects of the abuses of the past and the impact it has had. The Marine Protection Act is the right direction but I do not want to see its impact diluted by chipping away at it. This area needs to be conserved and protected. For example, one of proposals is to allow spearfishing contest. I can not see how this fits in with a Marine Life Protection Act. If one goal is to protect the marine life (because of over fishing in the past) this seems to go the opposite direction. This is not a healthy activity to an area that has been impacted and is losing its diversity and abundance of life.

In an earlier email I stated what is needed now is real leadership. As stewards of this invaluable resource I would like to see more protection not less. I urge you to support Package 2 and demonstrate our true commitment to protecting and growing the marine life.

Sincerely,
Mark J Stanley

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